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REF: A. NATO DOCUMENT DPC/R(73)10 (PART II, PARA 40)

B. NATO DOCUMENT IS(73)92

BEGIN SUMMARY. MINISTERS BY REF A REQUIRE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE POSSIBLE NATO PROCEDURES ON SUBJECT MATTER. REF B PROPOSES PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSAL B. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RECENT MEETING OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, DELEGATIONS (MISSION) WERE INVITED TO OBTAIN THEIR AUTHORITIES' VIEWS ON PROPOSAL FOR PROCEDURES FOR COMPARISON OF BIDS WITHOUT TAXES AND DUTIES AS CONTAINED IN REF B.

2. REF B IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SUBJ: ICB PROCEDURES - COMPARISON OF BIDS WITHOUT TAXES AND DUTIES.

1. WITH REFERENCE TO AC/4-DS/910, ITEM III, (5), WE THINK THAT ONLY IDENTIFIABLE DUTIES AND TAXES CAN BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERED - THE UNITED STATES HAVE PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED CUSTOMS/IMPORT DUTIES AND VAT.

2. WE THEREFORE THINK THAT THE PROCEDURE COULD BE

RELATIVELY SIMPLE, I.E.,

(A) THE CONTRACTOR'S BID SHOULD IDENTIFY SUCH DUTIES AND TAXES, SO THAT THEY COULD BE ELIMINATED WHEN COMPARING BIDS; OR

(B) THE CONTRACTOR'S BID SHOULD BE CERTIFIED AS NOT INCLUDING ANY IDENTIFIABLE DUTIES AND TAXES.

3. 2(A) WOULD APPLY WHEN THE NATIONS CONCERNED DID NOT EXEMPT NATO INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS FROM TAXATION AND DUTIES AND THE TAXES AND DUTIES WERE CHARGED AND COLLECTED, BUT BORNE BY THE HOST NATION. 2(B) WOULD APPLY WHEN THE NATION CONCERNED GRANTED EXEMPTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR SHAPE HOSTED PROJECTS. UNQUOTE.

3. REF B PROPOSAL APPEARS SIMPLE AND DIRECT. RECOMMEND AGREEMENT. RUMSFELD

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